

Project Year-End Summary Report

Title of Project: Tamarisk Eradication on the Gila River

Begin answering in the shaded box right beside or below each question and it will expand to accommodate as you type. Use up to a total of two and a half pages for questions 1-8. More detailed presentations, a final report, articles or posters are welcome separately(See final instructions at the end of this form.)*

1. Organization name or Individual who received the grant: Upper Gila Watershed Alliance

2. Amount of Grant: \$2,000

4. Was additional outside funding obtained? (check box that applies) Yes No

Other funding source(s) if you checked "yes." The Upper Gila Watershed Alliance is contributing funding for mileage, herbicide, and project administration.

5. Briefly, how was the grant money from the Carter Conservation Fund used?

The Carter Conservation Fund grant is for eradication of invasive tamarisk along five miles of the Gila River in the Gila River Bird Area of the Gila National Forest. We experienced a delay in doing the work because the Forest Service, for the first time, determined that they needed to complete a Notice of Intent to use herbicide. The Notice of Intent was not completed and signed until October 26, 2022, when we were given approval to proceed with the tamarisk work. UGWA's tamarisk contractor will complete the work by mid-December.

6. Write an abstract or summary of the activities performed and the progress that was made this year on your project. (Save any conclusions, lessons learned, and benefits achieved for the final sections, 7&8.)

In spring 2022, UGWA staff walked the Gila River floodplain in the Bird Area with an UGWA supporter who is intimately familiar with the area. Together, they located and flagged tamarisks in preparation for the eradication work. Because we experienced a delay in being able to implement this project, we don't yet have any data or results. In early 2023, I will share our data and accomplishments with NPSNM.

7. How does your project further a Native Plant Society mission area, namely: *plant or ecological education; conservation/restoration of native plants and/or their habitats; adds to botanical research; promotes appropriate use of native plants to conserve water, land and/or wildlife.*

Our project furthers the Native Plant Society's mission to conserve and restore native plants and their habitats.

8. Any other conclusions., lessons learned, benefits to you, the community or the environment hopefully result from your work as assisted by this grant.

We learned that it's imperative to check in with the Forest Service to ensure that there are no obstacles to prevent us from accomplishing our goals within the allotted grant time period. As for conclusions and benefits, I will share these with NPSNM in early 2023 along with the results of our work.

Final Instructions

Please send your completed form in MS Word (not converted to pdf) as an email attachment to cartergrantapps@gmail.com by December 1.

** To remain in good standing for any future funding from the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, we ask that you educate our membership more fully in some way. This could be an article (500-1000 words, illustrations welcome) for our newsletter, **ora** paper or electronic copy or link to a published article connected with the past year's work, **or** by making an educational and visual presentation to one of our chapters. Contact information for our 7 area chapters is found on our website at www.npsnm.org under the Chapters tab.*

What are your intentions in this regard? We plan to write an article for the NPSNM newsletter once our work is completed.

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Please contact us again at cartergrantapps@gmail.com if you have any questions or alternate suggestions.